DIEV ET MON DROIT.

By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for the well manning and arming of the Ships, of, or belonging to this Realme, vpon their ſetting foorth to Sea.

HIs Maieſtie, in His Princely Wiſdome, wel weighing what a great incouragement it is, both to his enemies, & the enemies of this State, and vnto Pyrats and Robbers the common Enemies of all Nations, and what an apparant danger it will be to His owne Subiects, if they ſhall aduenture to ſet to Sea in theſe perillous times, being weakely manned, and ill furniſhed with Armes, to reſiſt and repell ſuch as ſhall aſſayle them; in His prouidente and care for the common ſafetie of His people; Doeth heereby ſtraitly charge and command, That none of His Highneſſe Subiects, doe at any time hereafter, preſume to put to Sea any Ship or Pinnace, of the burthen of Threeſcore Tunnes or vpwards, out of any Port or Creeke, of or belonging to this Realme of England, vnleſſe they furniſh the ſame with ſeruiceable Muſkets and Bandeliers, ſufficient for the arming at once, of halfe the number of all the Perſons or Company, of, and in thoſe Ships: And that they be alſo prouided aboard euery ſuch Ship, of a ſufficient quantitie of Match, and Powder, and Bullets for thoſe Shott, according to the length of their Voyage intended to bee made by them. And His Maieſtie doeth further ſtraitly charge and command, That all ſuch as ſhall haue the command, of, and in euery ſuch Ship or Pinnace, doe cauſe their Company whileſt they are aboard, to exerciſe themſelues with the ſaid Muſkets, vpon ſuch dayes, and at ſuch times, as ſhall bee fit and ſeaſonable for the ſame; that ſo by practiſe they may learne the perfect vſe of their Armes. And this to be duely and carefully obſerued, vpon paine of His Maieſties high diſpleaſure, and ſuch other penalties and punishments as can or may bee inflicted vpon ſuch as ſhall preſume to contemne His Maieſties Royall Command, intended for the ſafetie of His people.

Giuen at His Maieſties Honour of Hampton Court, this 24. of December, 1625.

God ſaue the King.

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